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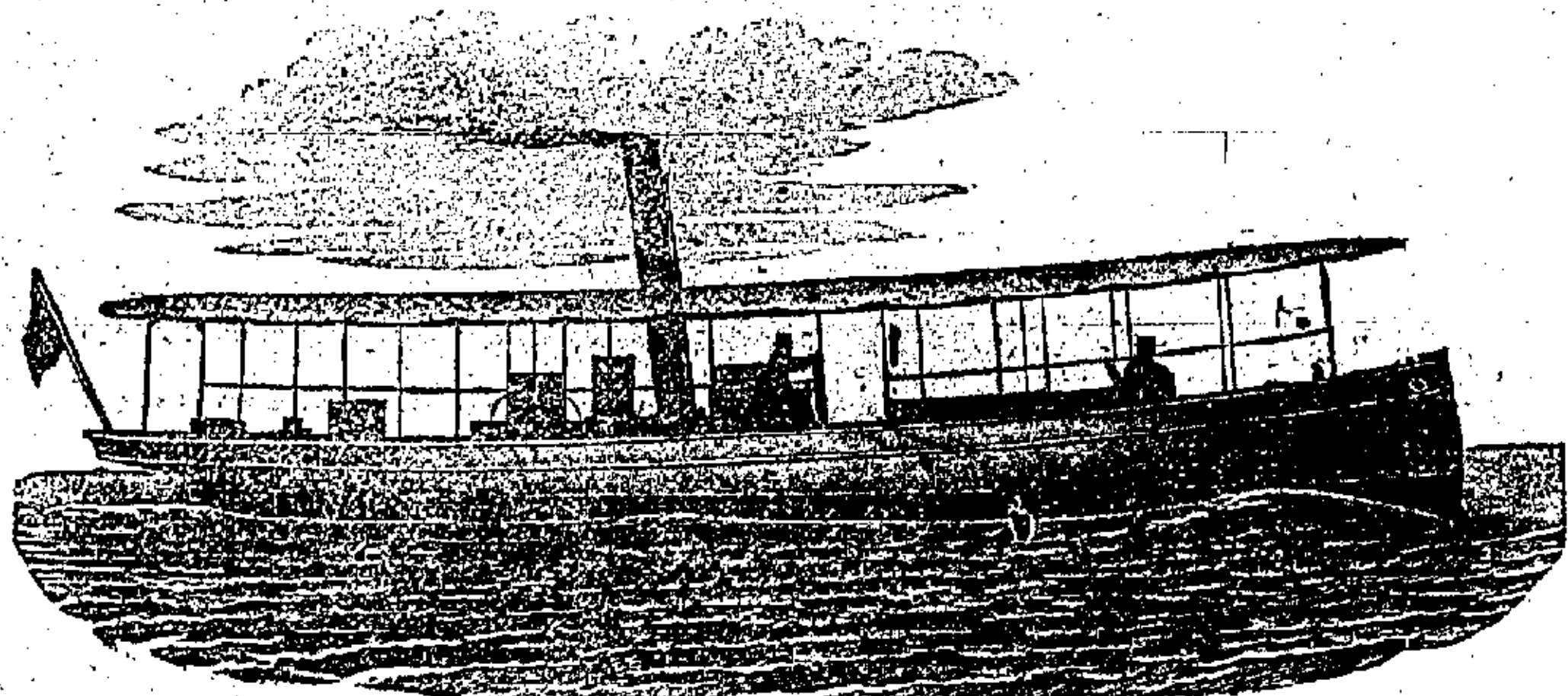
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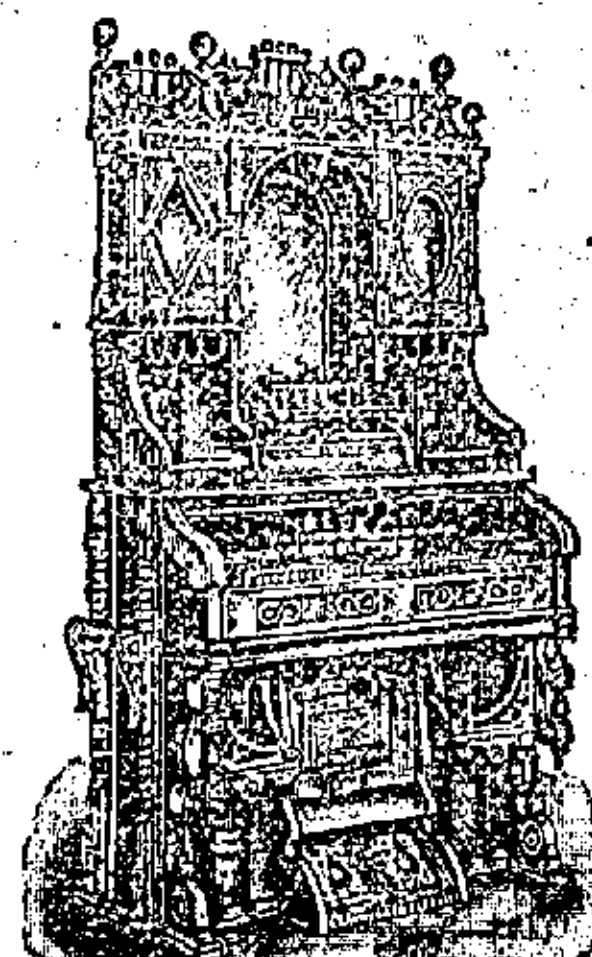
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1899.

The feeling of the British people, at home and abroad, may perhaps at the present moment present an absolute unanimity which, as Oona Paul once said of something else, should 'stagger humanity.' There is no doubt that the British Empire, united in every point, will carry the day—against the yelpings of friendly or unfriendly combinations—will get in policy carried out before the day is done. Of the unfriendliness, we shall speak later. Concerning the point as to the responsibility of the officials who are to blame for the temporary failure, or partial failure, owing to the incompleteness of our preparation, it is most remarkable to refer back to the trenchant and almost prophetic remarks of the London Times of the 21st of September, weeks before the negotiations fell through. The Times says—

'The Boers are brave men, good horsemen, and excellent shots, and, as Colonel Sartorius repeats in the letter we print elsewhere, they would be operating in a country to which their peculiar tactics are admirably adapted, and with which they are perfectly familiar. Such enemies are not to be despised. Ultimate victory, should war unhappily break out, must rest in the long run with the stronger Power. But the struggle might be greatly extended and the expenditure of blood and treasure immensely increased by short-sighted economy or lack of due organization upon our part at the opening of a campaign. If we take the field, we ought to do so in such force as will prevent, as far as possible, the chances of any partial check or defeat at the beginning of operations. On grounds of humanity and policy, even more than on military grounds, it is desirable, not only that resistance should be hopeless from the first, but that if it should be seen to be hopeless, the country is in no mood to be grudge money to carry out a policy which it believes to be both just and wise, and it will not shrink from the sacrifices the vindication of our position and the rights of our fellow-subjects in South Africa may entail. But it would be profoundly regrettable if, owing to mismanagement or bungling or parsimony or official blundering at home, and it would assuredly punish with an unsparring hand the politicians responsible for any preventable mishaps.'

These pregnant words take us back to the point where hesitation and bungling should have been rendered impossible. Of course, it has been said, and with some measure of truth, that Great Britain has never yet succeeded in gaining anything on the field until her departments have been galled into shape by one or two reverses. The reverses now sustained may be accepted as an adequate incentive to action which the nation will certainly demand of every official responsible for the honour of the nation. We hear that the War Office blames the Admiralty, and the Admiralty tries to saddle the responsibility on the Transport Department. We believe the system of the bad interworking of the various Departments is more to blame than our troops on the field. And, as the Times article says, the nation will 'profoundly resent any bungling or mismanagement in the field brought about by parsimony or official blundering at home, and punish those who are responsible with an unsparring hand. No doubt the most heroic efforts will be made to retrieve any advantage that has been lost. But the question still remains, Who is responsible? We believe the War Office and its Departments will be reorganised, and the relations between the War Office and the Admiralty must be thoroughly overhauled. As we said some time since, the residue of red-tape still clings to our system; and it must go. The present feeling at home will unquestionably result in putting an end to any possibility of further friction.

The Magistrate.
To-night, the Hongkong A.D.C. plays Piffers's laughable farce 'The Magistrate' at the City Hall Theatre. The parts are in capable hands, and the success of Thursday's dress rehearsal presages a successful performance. The farce will be played again on Monday night.

Hongkong Hotel.
The Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. The following is the programme—

1. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 2. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 3. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 4. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 5. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 6. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 7. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 8. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 9. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 10. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 11. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 12. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 13. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 14. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 15. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 16. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 17. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 18. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 19. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 20. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 21. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 22. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 23. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 24. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 25. 'The Star Spangled Banner'—H. J. H. 26. 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ROMOURS AND QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK.

Such anti-British feeling in a British Colony is, to say the least, in very bad taste.

In Shanghai it is more excusable, but still unbecomingly and ungenerous.

The telegram reads more rancorous than cordial.

His second welcome will probably be less cordial than his first.

The colour of the first coat of paint was somewhat alarming; the second re-assuring.

The Lord seems fairly to have been taken in tow.

The dance will be small—and, of course, select.

Everyone is calling but the invitations have already been sent out.

Although they are only "Second-Class" they can beat the rest of the fleet.

QUI VIVE.

POLO AT SHANGHAI.

SUCCESS OF WELCH FUSILIERS TEAM.

Major Morris, Commanding Royal Welch Fusiliers, kindly forwards to us a telegram received from Shanghai this morning announcing that the Fusilier Polo team won their match against Shanghai by 9 to 1.

A PATRIOTIC PROPOSITION.

"An Old Volunteer" writes to us as follows: "I have heard it suggested that the battalions of the Royal Welch Fusiliers now in Hongkong may be ordered to the Cape at any moment. This is hardly probable, but I think the present is an appropriate moment for pointing out the importance of increasing the Volunteer Force, and recruiting briskly for the Infantry Company. There are many who are unacquainted with the artillery service, who could easily pick up infantry drill."

"I am myself an old volunteer, and would willingly join under conditions of danger and uncertainty, make no ego."

NOTES FROM WEIHAIWEI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WEIHAIWEI, October 25.

On the 15th and 16th inst., we experienced a sudden fall in temperature.

A strong bitter cold wind came on, making every place uncomfortable. There was a very heavy sea, the waves dashing up to a height of 40 feet on the mainland.

A schooner belonging to the Chinese Customs damaged her masting, and went ashore.

No lives were lost. The crew of a big junk, which was also blown ashore, was not so fortunate, and eight lives were lost.

H.M.S. "Victorious" left on the 10th inst. for Chefoo to carry out her annual gunnery course, but had to put back owing to the bad weather, and arrived here on the 20th inst.

Sunday seems to be the coldest day here. This is the third consecutive one. It is a grand weather in the daytime; warm in the sun, but chilly out of it. Fires are now used after sunset.

SPORT.

Shooting is being indulged in, but with no large bags, though there is promise of a good supply of ducks, pheasants, snipe, quail and hares.

NAVAL NEWS.

Admiral Sir E. Seymour has gone south and Rear-Admiral Fitzgerald arrived in the "Barfleur," from Japan, on the 17th inst.

A stoker from this ship has just got eighteen months imprisonment for insubordination. H.M.S. "Brisk" arrived here on the 20th inst.

DEPARTURE OF CAPTAIN WOOD.

On Sunday last, Captain Wood (son of General Sir Evelyn Wood), of the 1st Chinese Regiment, left Weihaiwei for the Cape.

He sailed in the "Brisk" going to catch the mail steamer at Shanghai. He received a telegram at 2 p.m., and was off by 4.30.

The Chinese soldiers of the Regiment soon heard of his departure, and they were found out that he was off to the war, and escorted him from his quarters to Maho Pier, where he embarked amidst cheering and a blaze of crackers. All expressed a strong desire to go with him. He has gone on leave of absence.

THE CHINESE REGIMENT.

Distilled water is being supplied to the Chinese Regiment from the Island. As you know, distilled water is so unpleasant to taste, and Maho water is therefore preferred. The Regiment is still collecting provisions, and extending the temporary barracks. Some four hundred men are now enlisted, and the supply of recruits is still brisk.

The site of the new barracks has been purchased, but as yet nothing has been done to it. As a matter of fact, I believe the money has not been voted for the work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The gold and coal prospectors are still busy. The boring has ceased suddenly owing to some malicious person putting iron down the bore.

There is talk of another reform in the Post Office. It has not developed yet. Let us hope something is being done, for the mail service is somewhat contempt.

It seems to me to be worse than it was before the British Post Office was opened.

Japanese coal is fetching £15.00 a ton. It is a fearful price to pay, but we must have fuel, whatever the cost.

The talk of the place now is all about the war in South Africa. News is looked for eagerly. Telegrams seldom reach this part of the Empire, and when they do we get about the same kind of news.

The news in the "Argosy" is—Beyers, the Prince, Kaffir, and P. H. H.

THE LADYSMITH DISASTER.

A REJOINDER.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Kowloon, Hongkong, Nov. 4, 1899.

Dear Sir:—I beg to crave your attention for a few moments to an abstract from a letter in your last night's issue. I hate to drag myself into this kind of thing, but the remarks of one of your correspondents warrant anything said about him. Here is what he said: "I am a Britisher and can write a trifle like that but not unless, perhaps, he is a ranting Irish Socialist or a 'Little Englander'." Your correspondent is evidently ashamed to give his name, and he is quite right, for he has no right to publish the name of his correspondent. It is very easy for a man sitting in Hongkong to criticize the actions of men thousands of miles away through the meagre details we get from Reuters cables. But this is not the case here. The correspondent is a man who has been there—perhaps thrown his useless life away to no ultimate good purpose. I have generally found that men of his kind are the last to risk their precious skins, even in a case of necessity. If they can get out of it, they will. We all know that England needs her "famous old women" to uphold the honor of the country by which she holds her proud position to-day. Why was not this "famous old woman" who wrote the letter sent? He would have found out the answers to his own "Why's."

I should think that a British soldier's life is just as dear to him, be he officer or private, as this ranting idiot's. The wages Tommy Atkins is to throw his life away are surely not so large as the wages he thinks that a man is to throw his life away to go and die for 13 pence a day, why does he not go straight away and die? Perhaps he is a coward, or he is a commission and is dissatisfied. He is in the service his name ought to be to the public, and he ought to be allowed out of it. Let him join in toasting Oom Paul and the Boer, and drink confusion to the British arms at the Cape. (Here some strong expressions cut out.)—Edw. C. M.

Without going into details, I might say that I have been several years in the Cape, seeing considerable service, so perhaps I know as much about the condition of things out there as this ranting idiot. Englishmen are always willing to die when there is need for it, but to say that 1000 or 1200 men are to chuck their lives away for pride's sake is tantamount to—

A happy idea strikes me. Perhaps he is one of those brave Volunteers who were so eager to go to the front, and in kindly advice to the perfection of the H. K. V. C. he is not so much of a coward. No doubt, if the H. K. V. C. had been there things would have been different, and Captain Potts would have come back with the dream of a basket of decorations.

Trusting you can find room for this, and that it is not contemptible to give his name and profession, so that we can see who it is that calls all England's army men "fools" and "old women."—I am, Dear Sir, yours,

DOUGLAS E. HOPE.

P.S.—I sign my name hoping the ranting will be tantamount to anger and because the disgust of this man is shared by many others.

REJOINDER NUMBER 2.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1899.

Dear Sir:—Your correspondents in last night's "China Mail" who write under the heading of "Indignant Britishers" surely cannot be Britishers, and if they are then I feel quite sure if they will kindly walk into "Murray Barracks" and repeat their words, the smallest drummer boy would get up and knock their heads off, and they would have a good deal of difficulty in getting out alive. I am sure every Englishman in Hongkong must have every sympathy with our British soldiers at the present time. They have been hopelessly outnumbered so far, and are now being cut to pieces by the Boers. It is a day of reckoning is coming, and then let your "Indignant Britishers" talk, if we cannot pay back a good deal more than we ever got. I suppose General White is a person of some of your correspondents as he calls him "White." If so, was he in Afghanistan when he was shot? When one reads such an account as that which appears in these letters, it makes one's hands itch to think that they should be signed by "Britishers." The present English officer and our "Tommy" are still the good old plucky soldiers as of years gone by, but they must have a fair chance. Why don't your correspondents go out to the Transvaal, and show them how to fight? I should like to see them when they are fighting at the odds of about 20 to 1. I think they would soon wish themselves back to Hongkong. No, Sir; this day is coming when the clouds will have blown away and the sun will be shining, and then your correspondents will see our General and our "Tommy," and they will see what an insult he has cast on the British Army. I think, Mr. Editor, you will agree with me that such letters must hurt the "Tommy's" feelings. It is a gross practice to abuse and cannot even give back an answer. Although I am not a soldier it hurts my feelings to see such a name applied to our officers and soldiers by a man probably who has never moved off his own stool.

Apologizing for the length of this letter, and enclosing my card, I remain, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

FAIRPLAY.

REJOINDER NUMBER 3.

Hongkong, 4th Nov., 1899.

Dear Sir:—In your last night's issue you published a letter from someone (whose name and even non-de-plume you were very enough to conceal), which letter is a deliberate insult to the British Army.

The writer seems to be suffering from swelled head and hysteria, and should be more chary of rushing into print without making himself acquainted with his facts. The first duty of a soldier is to obey. Evidently the man did as they were told, were caught in a trap, hopelessly outnumbered, fought bravely till their last cartridge was spent, and were then ordered by their officers to lay down their arms. They did so, and were then shot. Granted that the grave tactical blunder had been committed—General White admits his responsibility—but why blame Tommy Atkins for that? After his recent defeat, the Indian Army was ordered to retreat, and the Indian Army in the South African War. The soldiers of the "Argosy" were ordered to retreat, and the "Argosy" was ordered to retreat. The soldiers of the "Argosy" were ordered to retreat, and the "Argosy" was ordered to retreat.

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GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER.

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There are men of whom it can be truly said that they could be equally successful in some other walk of life than that which they elected to follow. Not so Sir Redvers Buller. A born soldier, it would be impossible to imagine him in any other profession, although his qualities of head are by no means his least gifts, it was only on active service he could display that splendid bravery, that willingness to risk his life for his comrades, which, coupled with indomitable determination and all the other characteristics necessary to produce a great leader, have gained for him the reputation which will ever make his name a conspicuous one in British military annals.

It appears Sir Redvers is a typical soldier of the type that masses yet well-forged, figure which, with great physical strength, and as keen a pair of eyes as ever shone in a human countenance—or, to review details, nothing escapes his notice; and if he says little, nothing he thinks the more for it. He is a regular man, whose his professional conduct, as those who serve under him are well aware; but officers and men who do their duty to the very best of their ability can feel assured Buller is not only noting the fact, and that when the time comes to push them forward, he will not be forgotten. As Sir Redvers has ascended the ladder of success, so to in a lesser degree, have several officers to whom he has been a guide and a friend.

It is a pity that he is not more generally known, for he is a man of great worth, and his services to his country are many. He is a man of great worth, and his services to his country are many. He is a man of great worth, and his services to his country are many.

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